

REMARKS

The office action of January 13, 2009, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to.

Claim 18 is objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Finally, it is noted that claims 11-15 are allowed and claims 16-19 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the Abstract, applicant has canceled the original abstract and attached hereto a new Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure is overcome

and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 16-19.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner. The passage space (D1) recited in claim 19 has support in claim 17.

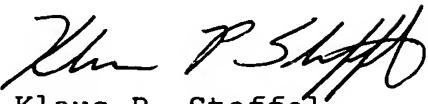
In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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